

RESIDENTS CELEBRATE TEN YEARS OF SUCCESS

Residents at Sandbank Tenant Management Organisation in Bloxwich, part of WATMOS Community Homes, held a ten year anniversary event to celebrate the achievements of their resident managed estate.

Since residents took full control of the 253 properties from Walsall Council in 2000, they have made major improvements to their living conditions and environment. What was once a run down estate with no security or adequate repairs now boasts new kitchens and bathrooms in every property, security cameras and door entry systems, new car parks and refurbishments to balconies, foyers and landings to name but a few.

Amongst the invited guests were Ken Worley who had been a local councillor in 2000 and had attended the first official opening of the estate along with Councillor Tom Ansell and the late Melvin Pitt. The Chair of Sandbank TMO, Bill Edwards, showed guests around the estate highlighting the improvements and changes that have been made to the estate in the last ten years.

Bill Edwards said; “Ten years ago we inherited a very run down estate. Today we celebrate the achievements that can be made by residents who are determined to improve their homes and the environment they live in”.

Chairman of WATMOS Community Homes, Terry Edis MBE, added; “Our aim is to create safe and pleasant neighbourhoods in all of our estates, this could not be done without the support of our tenants. The success of Sandbank TMO hails to their hard work, commitment and dedication”.



Pictured L-R outside the original office at Wilkins House are David Winnick MP, Bill Edwards, Ursula Barrington (CEO of WATMOS), Ken Worley and Councillors Des Pitt and Louise Harrison.